



# County Deer Advisory Councils (CDACs)

## Implementation Plan

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First things First!

Thank You!!!

# CDAC Charter

1. Gather public opinion on deer populations and goals, antlerless quotas & herd management strategies.
2. Review & consider scientific metrics on deer herd trends, impacts to habitat and agriculture and human-deer interactions.
3. Provide the department with recommendations on deer population objectives, antlerless quotas and herd management strategies.



# CDAC Membership

*At least 3 members must have deer hunter credentials*

- Conservation Congress (chair)
- Chippewa Tribe Member - Ceded Territory
- Forestry
- Agriculture
- Tourism
- Local hunting club
- Urban – Metro
- Transportation
- DMAP participant



# CDAC Meetings

## Meetings:

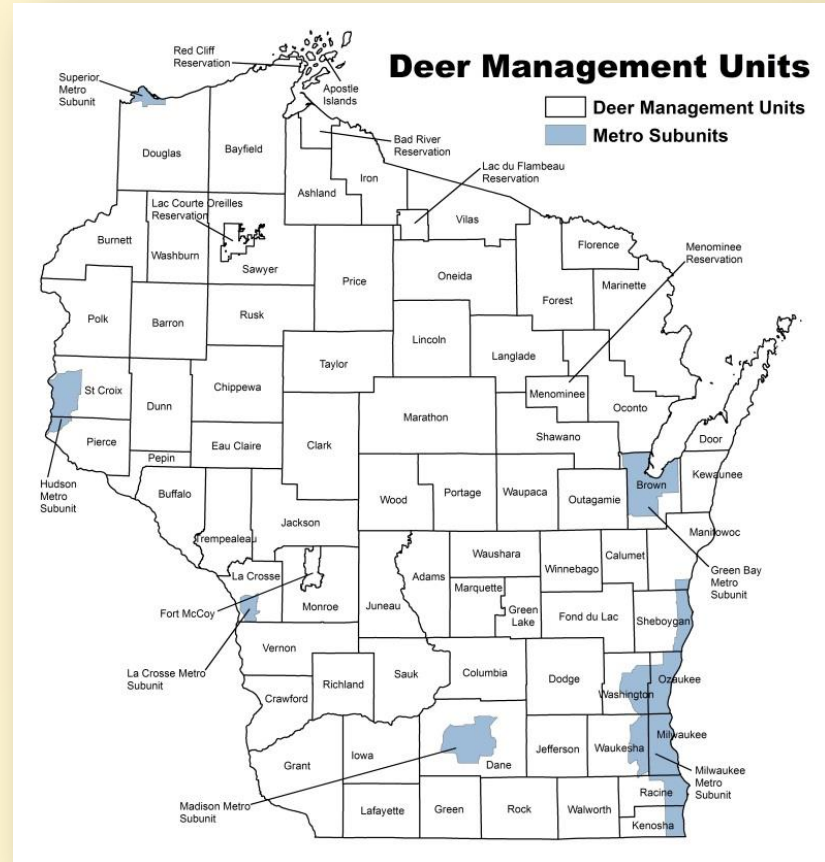
- Open to the public & public noticed
- Synchronized with statewide schedule
- Robert's rules of order
- Allow for citizen testimony
- Minutes kept & published
- Vice-chair & Secretary



# CDAC implementation

Project Scope (Hint: Very Big)

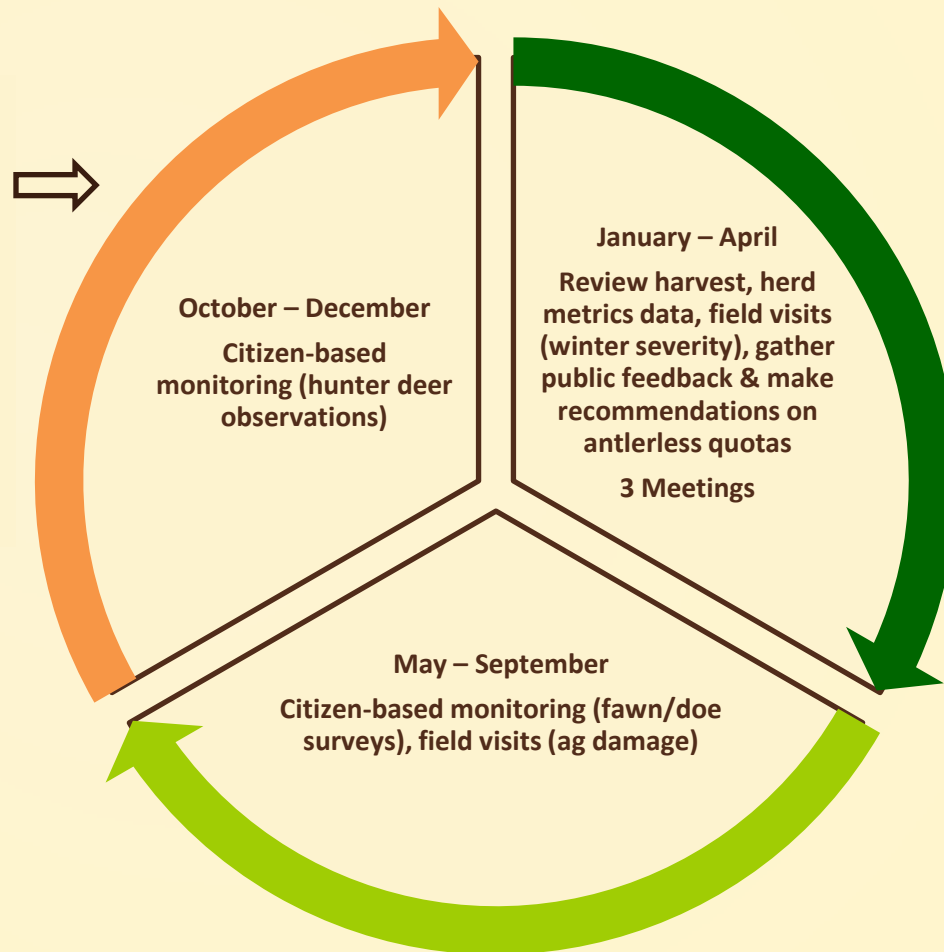
- 72 Counties (Menominee?)
- 6-8 Members/County
- 432 – 575 individual members
- 1-3 meetings/year
- If 10% annual turnover, then 43 – 57 new members needed annually



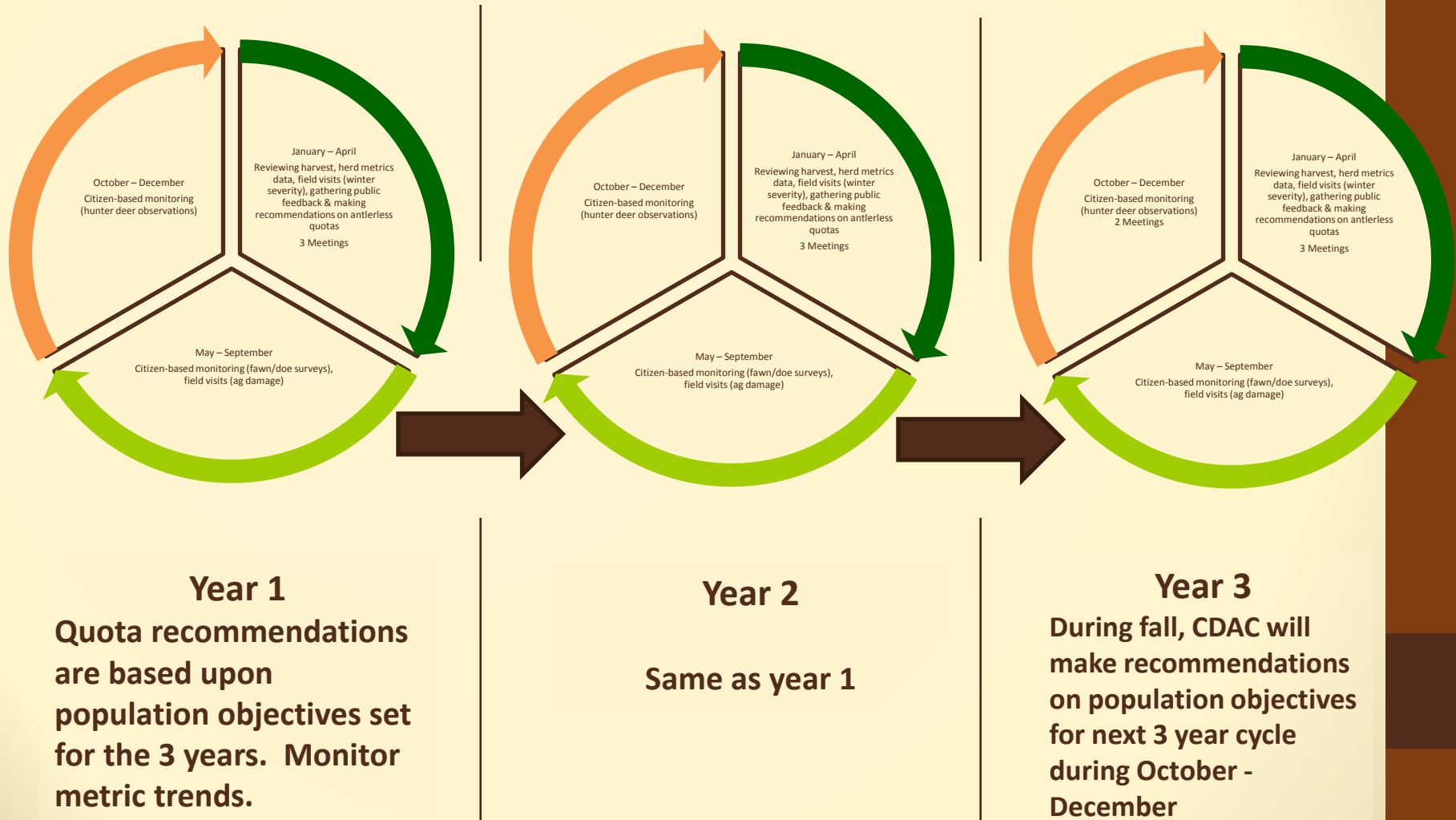


# CDAC Annual Cycle

Note: For 2014, the October-December period will be focused on developing a recommendation on 2015-17 deer population goals. Two meetings likely needed.

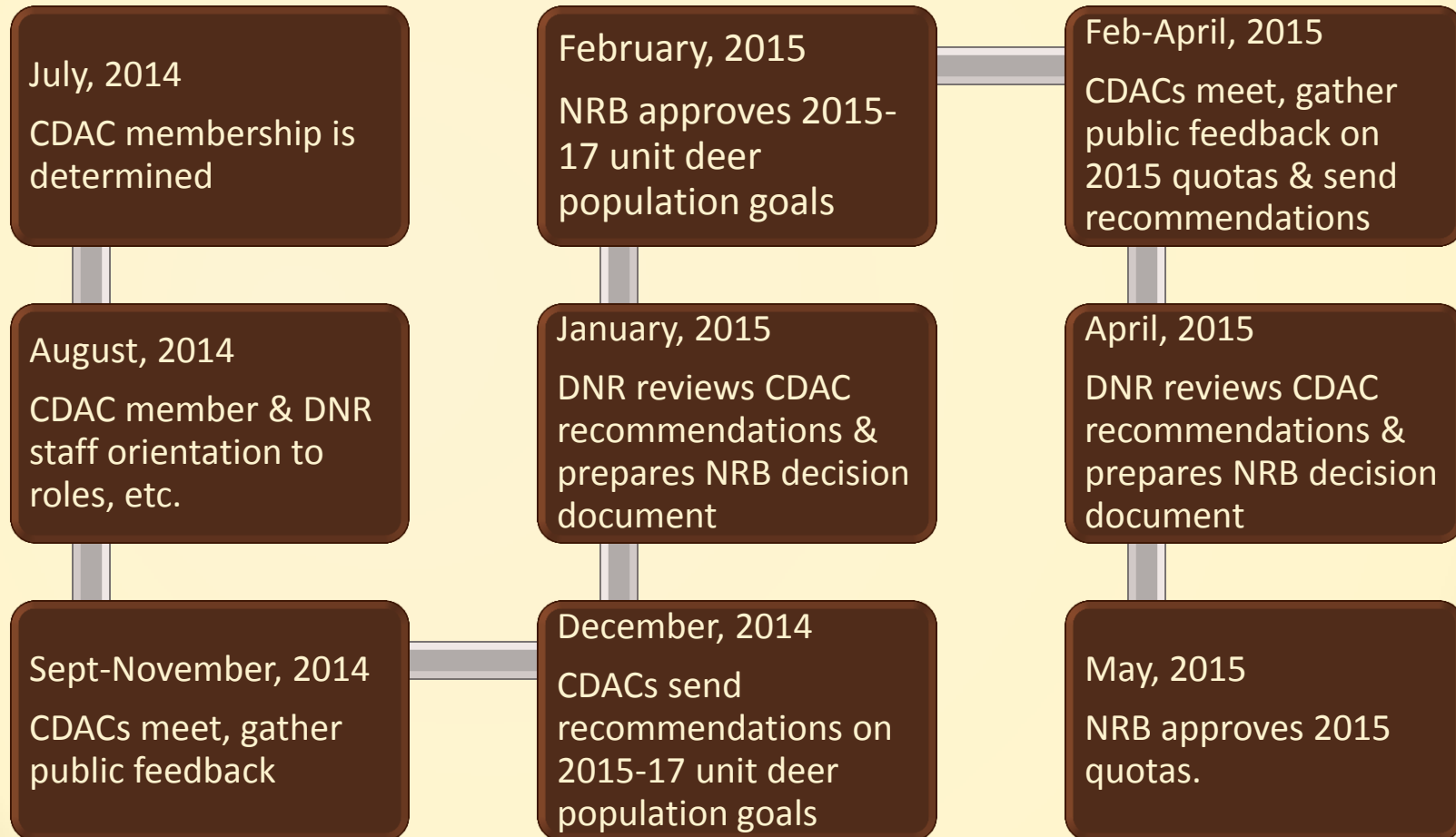


# CDAC 3-Year Cycle





# CDAC 2014-15 Timeline



# Fall, 2014 Schedule

- September 15-18 or 22-25 7-9 p.m.
  - Kick-off Meeting & Presentations on County Deer Herd
- October 20-23 or 27-30 7-9 p.m.
  - Preliminary CDAC recommendation to increase, maintain or decrease current herd.  
All recommendations due to Madison by noon, October 31.

# Fall, 2014 Schedule

- November 3 to December 5 – Public comment period on preliminary CDAC recommendations.
- December 8-11 or 15-18 7-9 p.m.
  - Final CDAC deer population goal recommendation to Madison. Deadline: noon on December 19<sup>th</sup>.
- February 25, 2015 – NRB approval of 2015-17 deer population goals.

# Getting Started

Meet or call your local biologist to discuss & select:

- A. Meeting location – Chosen location needs to be handicapped accessible, can accommodate 40-50 people if needed, and FREE if at all possible.
- B. Dates for September, October and December CDAC meetings. Note: Some biologists will have multiple counties and will need to coordinate calendars to avoid double bookings.
- C. Deadline for Tasks A & B is August 1<sup>st</sup>.

# Spring, 2015 Schedule

- February 10-12 or 17-19 – Review 2014 deer season and herd performance data.
- March 10-12 or 17-19 – Develop preliminary CDAC quota recommendation to Madison.  
Deadline: noon on March 20.
- March 23 – April 17 – Public comment period on preliminary CDAC recommendations.

# Spring, 2015 Schedule

- April 20-23 or 27-30 CDAC makes final recommendation on 2015 quotas to Madison. Deadline: Noon on May 1<sup>st</sup>.
- NRB approval of 2015 quotas on May 27<sup>th</sup>.

# CDAC Membership Rules

## Terms of Membership:

- 3-year term, exception CC delegate elections
- Resident of county (except tribal)
- No proxy
- Stakeholders representatives have professional involvement in field (e.g. – agriculture, forestry, tourism)





# CDAC Member Selection

## Chippewa Tribes

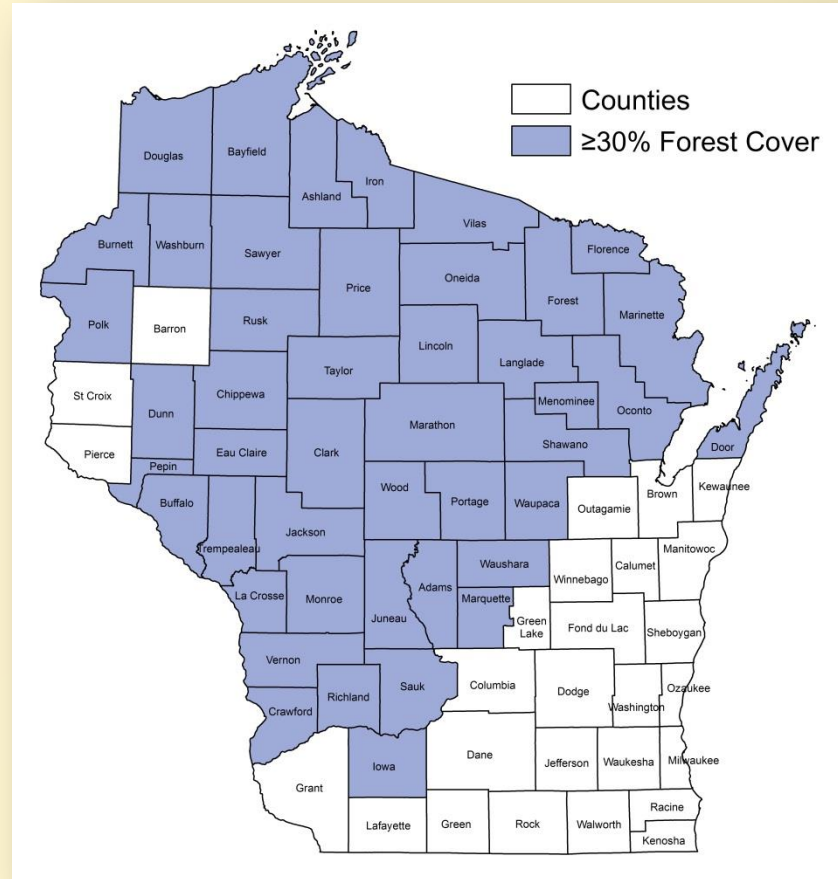
- Letter from Secretary to Tribal Chairs requesting names of representatives to serve in Ceded Territory counties.



# CDAC Member Selection

## Forestry

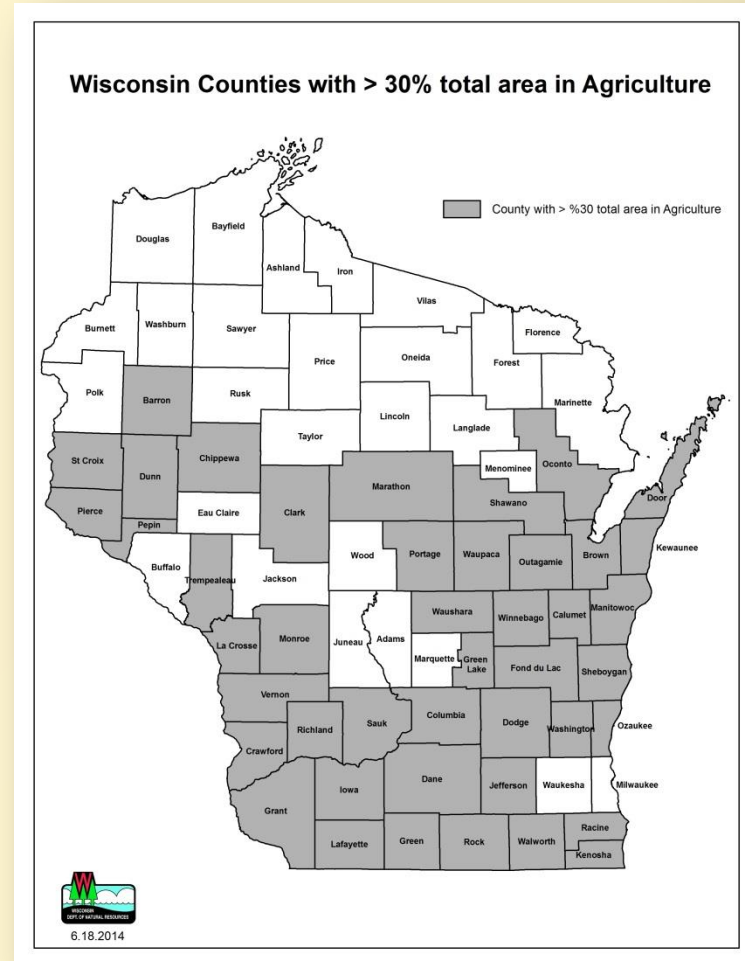
- Letter from Secretary Stepp to Wisconsin Forestry Council Chair requesting names



# CDAC Member Selection

## Agriculture

- Letter from Secretary to DATCP Secretary requesting names



# CDAC Member Selection

## Tourism

- Letter from Secretary Stepp to Tourism Secretary requesting names

## Transportation

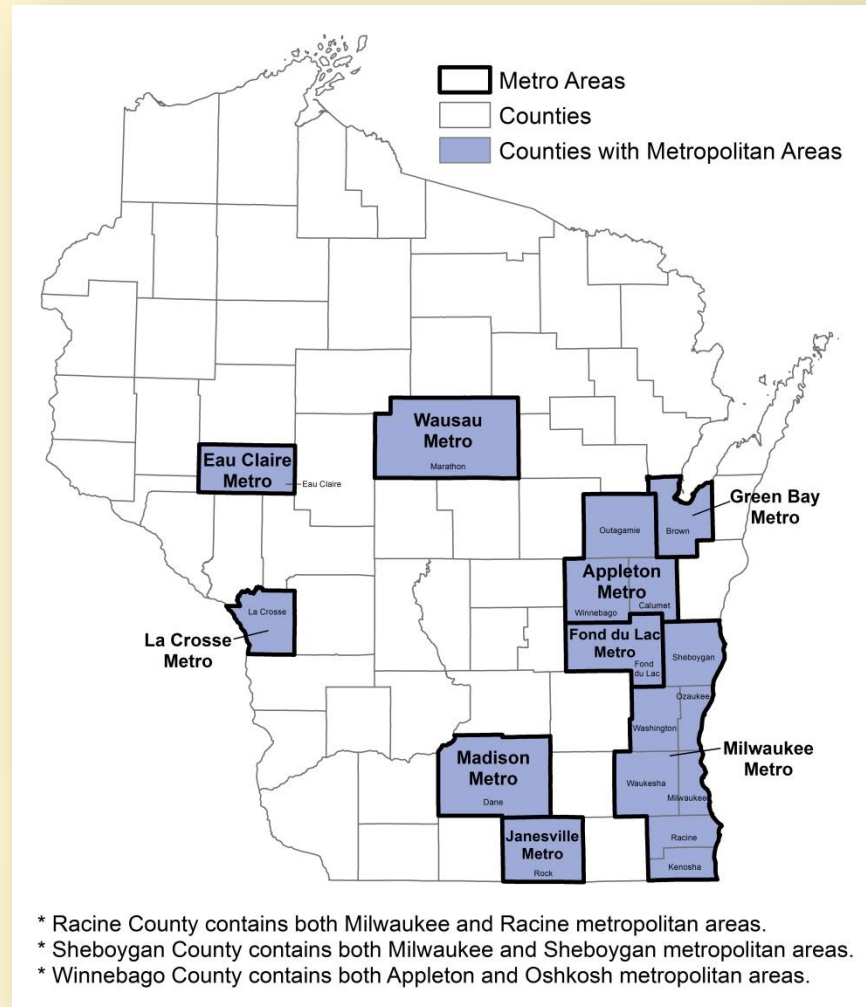
- Letter from Secretary to DOT Secretary requesting names



# CDAC Member Selection

## Urban

- Letter from Secretary Stepp to County Chairs in Metro Counties requesting names



# CDAC Member Selection

## Local Clubs

- Application forms  
Congress CDAC chair &  
local biologist and  
warden review & make  
a recommendation.  
Preference to persons  
that represent a county-  
wide alliance of clubs.




## DMAP

- A participating DMAP  
landowner



# CDAC Website Coming Soon!

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## County Deer Advisory Councils


To provide a format for people to get more involved and take ownership of deer issues at the local level; beginning in 2014, each county in Wisconsin will delegate a deer advisory council to provide input on deer management for the county. Membership will consist of stakeholder groups drawn from the general public and will include:

- at least three members with hunter credentials;
- one Conservation Congress member; and
- one Chippewa Tribe member.

In addition, depending on the prominence of certain economic activities, councils in each county may include professionals in:

- agriculture;
- forestry;
- urban;
- transportation; and
- tourism.

Councils will work with local department staff to schedule meetings, find committee representatives and provide community outreach. Meetings will involve reviewing deer population data, setting antlerless quotas and structuring hunting seasons. These topics will be set and reviewed every three years. The level of independence granted to each council in setting these parameters is such that adjacent counties may differ substantially in the type and timing of deer seasons that they offer, population objectives that are in effect and number of bonus antlerless permits available.



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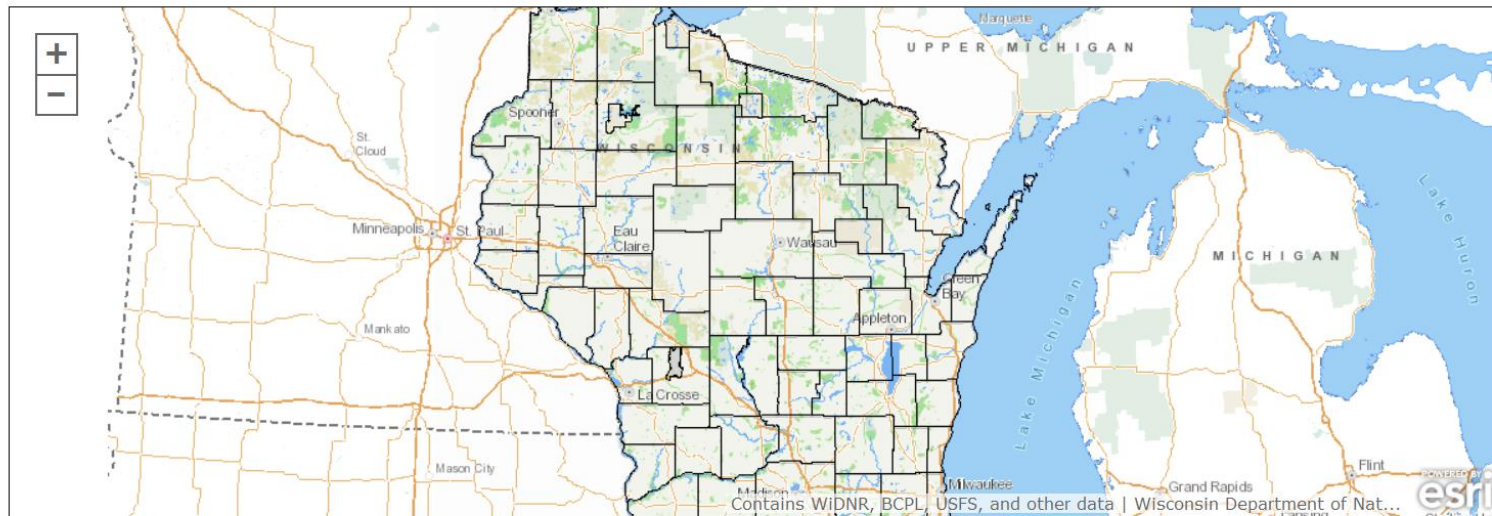
## Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources

### County Deer Advisory Council information

Wisconsin has long been known as one of the most publicly-driven deer management programs in the country. That has become even more so in recent years as thousands of volunteers have helped the DNR gather deer herd information by being active participants in [deer research projects](#) and observation data collection through [Operation Deer Watch](#) and on-line field [observation surveys](#).

Here we have provided a resource where you can access information about the deer advisory council in your county including meeting dates and times and past meeting minutes.

Thank you again for your interest, and for being a part of the Wisconsin deer hunting tradition!



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# CDAC Resources

- Wildlife, Forestry, and Law Enforcement Liaisons
- Check-lists and Assistance
- Meeting templates
  - Agenda
  - Meeting minutes
  - Press releases
  - Web site

## County Deer Advisory Council Chairman Checklist

### Resources:

A variety of resources has been developed for your use and can be found at:

- Local press release template
- Meeting Summary template
- Unit-specific files for individual counties
- County Unit Survey 2015
- 2014 New Deer Management Zone, etc. maps
- 4-page DTR Executive Summary
- 3-fold Deer Hunting Rule Changes for 2014 brochure
- 2014 Deer Hunting Rules Video (in subfolder DTR New Rules Video)
- New Rules PowerPoint presentation (show if video is not an option)

### To Do Pre-Meeting:

- ✓ Work with DNR liaison to pick a meeting date
- ✓ Select a meeting location that is handicap accessible, etc.
- ✓ Develop meeting agenda using basic template
- ✓ Notify local media that meetings are taking place. Template press release available
- ✓ Make copies of any handouts, enough for each official member

### To Do Post-Meeting:

- ✓ Work with department to post meeting summary on CDAC web site
- ✓ Fill out basic meeting report and submit

# Questions?



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